

## MRS. ROEBLING'S SERVANT.

TESTIMONY AS TO HER CLAIM FOR \$50,000.

FURTHER FACTS ABOUT HER HABITS—THE CASE TO GO TO THE JURY TO-DAY.

Pale and weeping and in deep mourning, Ellen Gahan sat in the Supreme Court, Part I, yesterday, listening to the testimony in opposition to her claim for \$50,000 against the estate of the late Mrs. Roebling. The court-room was crowded with spectators. The proceedings began with the reading of a de *position* made by Mrs. Jean M. Eldridge, a sister of Mrs. Roebling, who said that she lived with Mrs. Roebling for two years and that the relations of Ellen to her were those of a maid to her mistress. Ellen was paid her wages in full when her services ended, with a gratuity of \$50 in gold, and did not claim anything further. Her drinking habits during the last days of her attendance were uncontrollable. She was rude to the relatives of Mrs. Roebling when they called and slammed the door in their faces, and would go out for hours at a time, leaving a card on the door on which were the words "Please don't knock—sleep." On cross-examination this occurred:

Q.—Did the members of the family kiss Nellie when they called? A.—She kissed them.

Q.—Did not they kiss back? A.—Well, we were so situated that in order to get in we had to yield to the pressure. When Nellie was in a gracious mood she received us with a kiss. We were glad to be admitted under any circumstances.

Q.—Was there a search for a will? A.—We looked through Mrs. Roebling's trunks and found the key to her in the safe in the Safe Deposit Company's vaults. On opening the box we found the will.

Hawley D. Clegg, clerk at the Hotel Bristol, testified that one night about 10 o'clock he saw the plaintiff under the influence of liquor at the hotel, while she was living with Mrs. Roebling.

Mrs. Jane Miller, a professional nurse, who had been accustomed to rubbing patients for twenty-one years, said that it never injuriously affected her health. From January 3 to December 25, when Mrs. Roebling died, the witness was with Mrs. Roebling, looking about an hour before her death raised her head and said distinctly: "Nellie, go home to your mother." The witness thought that at times Ellen was not herself on account of drinking.

Mrs. Elizabeth Goodwin, when asked her opinion, replied: "Professional message." She had been a rubber for fifteen years and it had no particularly injurious effect on her health. Mrs. Roebling several times spoke of the witness about the injurious effects of rubber upon Ellen. To General Tracy the witness said that she was with Mrs. Roebling in her last illness. Ellen did not remove her clothes for two weeks. Mrs. Roebling called her "Dear Nellie" and said that after her long illness Nellie was everything to her and she felt that she owed her life to her. After a long illness at the Windsor Hotel the witness stayed with Mrs. Roebling half an hour in order to let Ellen go out and take the air. On that occasion Mrs. Roebling said at New York, Philadelphia, Boston, and Boston, yesterday were as follows:

Wheat, 17,297 bushels; corn, 198,699 bushels; oats, 61,536 bushels; barley, 15,000 bushels; flour, 22,054 barrels; All wheat, 18,152 bushels; bran, 1,353 bushels; oats, 10,724 bushels; total grain, 308,292 bushels; flour, 14,771 barrels.

## THE TRADE IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5 (Special).—"There may be 160,000 barrels of flour in store at Minneapolis," said C. A. Pillsbury to-day, the largest flour miller in the country, "and it looks like an enormous quantity." The fact is that just four days' run of Minneapolis millers alone when these mills are put to their speed. May wheat sold as low as \$3.30 cents but closed at \$4.50 cents. The feeling became firm on the report that nine boat-loads of wheat had been taken, although the market was weak and heavy at the start. It was the impression early that the Team crowd had put out a line of wheat last night on "calls" sold by them the day before and that it was trying to cover on the break. The crowd had been buying wheat at \$4.50 cents and selling at \$4.20 cents, this supposition. Pork was higher and closed at \$11.40 for May, with no great interest in the market. It is believed that the provision lines have been closed. At the close of business the Team crowd was 55¢ over 55¢ for May wheat, 40¢ for May corn, \$11.37¢ for May pork, \$2.27¢ for May ribs, "Calls" for May wheat sold this afternoon at 40 cents, "pinks" at \$4.20 over \$4.00. The curb was 51 cents for May.

## THE PETROLEUM MARKET.

Local room traders have apparent control of oil speculation at the moment and it will require some decisive speculative action or some important news to effect a positive movement of prices in either direction. Yesterday the oil news was not significant and constantly increasing business done in the stock department of the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Company, which is controlled by the Standard Oil Company, largely at the attention of operators. In petroleum certificates the dealings fell short of 5,000,000 barrels and prices ranged within a limit of 1 cent. The market closed with a 15-cent premium.

The range of prices and the total dealings at the Consolidated Exchange were as follows:

Opening..... \$34 Lowest..... \$3 Highest..... \$4 Final..... \$4.07 thousand.

Reduced oil was unchanged.

Albion, N.Y., Feb. 5.—Crude Oil—National Transit Certificates opened at \$3.30 and closed at \$3.50; highest price, \$4; lowest price, \$3. Clearances, 1,182,000 barrels.

OIL CITY, Penn., Feb. 5.—Crude Oil—National Transit Certificates opened at \$3.40 and closed at \$3.50; highest price, \$4.40; lowest price, \$3.30. Clearances, 1,312,000 barrels; clearances, 3,775,000 barrels; runs, 68,300 barrels; shipments, 68,300 barrels; charters, 5,000 barrels.

## STATE OF TRADE.

BOSTON, Feb. 5.—Flour—Western Superfine, \$3.00; No. 1 Western, \$2.80; No. 2 Western, \$2.60; No. 3 Western, \$2.50; No. 4 Western, \$2.40; No. 5 Western, \$2.30; No. 6 Western, \$2.20; No. 7 Western, \$2.10; No. 8 Western, \$2.00; No. 9 Western, \$1.90; No. 10 Western, \$1.80; No. 11 Western, \$1.70; No. 12 Western, \$1.60; No. 13 Western, \$1.50; No. 14 Western, \$1.40; No. 15 Western, \$1.30; No. 16 Western, \$1.20; No. 17 Western, \$1.10; No. 18 Western, \$1.00; No. 19 Western, \$0.90; No. 20 Western, \$0.80; No. 21 Western, \$0.70; No. 22 Western, \$0.60; No. 23 Western, \$0.50; No. 24 Western, \$0.40; No. 25 Western, \$0.30; No. 26 Western, \$0.20; No. 27 Western, \$0.10; No. 28 Western, \$0.05; No. 29 Western, \$0.02; No. 30 Western, \$0.01.

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